



Serial No. 10/639,467

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the current title of the invention with the following:

~~LIGHT OPTICAL~~ AMPLIFYING APPARATUS FOR WAVELENGTH DIVISION
~~MULTIPLEXING CAPABLE FOR DETERMINING CHANGE IN NUMBER OF MULTIPLEXED~~
~~WAVELENGTH SIGNALS~~

Please REPLACE the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification, beginning with "TO ALL. . .," with the following:

~~TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:~~

BE IT KNOWN THAT WE, Kaoru Usui, a citizen of Japan residing at Kawasaki, Japan, Yoshio Shimano, a citizen of Japan residing at Kawasaki, Japan, Hiroshi Iizuka, a citizen of Japan residing at Kawasaki Japan and Hiroyuki Itou, a citizen of Japan residing at Sapporo, Japan, have invented certain new and useful improvements in